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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re application of: Sibbald, et al

Attorney Docket No.:

62-194

Application No.: 09/367,153

Examiner: Faulk, Devona

Filed: August 9, 1999

Group: 2644

Title: **METHOD OF PROCESSING AN AUDIO
SIGNAL**

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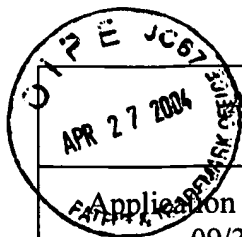
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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed remarks and amendments are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on Jan. 23, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the following remarks and amendments. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. A listing of the claims commences on page 4. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets. Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper. An Appendix including replacement drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Invention: A METHOD OF PROCESSING AN AUDIO SIGNAL

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 38 | MINUS | 40 | 0 | \$18 | \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 11 | MINUS | 13 | 0 | \$86 | \$ 0.00 |

____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 1/23/2004 to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

____ one month (\$110.00) ____ three months (\$950.00)
____ two months (\$420.00) ____ four months (\$1,480.00)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

____ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account _____.

☒ No additional fee is required

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